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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1620
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR MASS JO SA US
SUBJECT: HAWK PAYMENT

REF: (A) JIDDA 3264, (B) STATE 100276, (C) JIDDA 3255

1. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED TO PRIME MINISTER MAY 11 PROPOSAL ON HAWK PAYMENT WHICH HE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT TO COURT CHIEF SHARAF IN FORM OF LETTER (REFS A AND B). (SHARAF HAS NOT ARRIVED BACK IN JORDAN AND WE PRESUME HE IS EITHER IN GENEVA DEBRIEFING ASAD OR POSSIBLY HAS GONE ON TO CAIRO TO DISCUSS KING'S U.S. TRIP WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS.) EARLIER, AMBASSADOR OUTLINED PROPOSAL TO CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. BOTH OFFICIALS RECEIVED PROPOSAL IN INTERESTED AND FRIENDLY FASHION. PRIME MINISTER COMMENTED THAT KING WOULD NOW HAVE TO GO TO SAUDI ARABIA TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ISSUE, WHICH IS WHAT KING HAD EARLIER TOLD AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WERE HIS INTENTIONS.

2. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT FAHD IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE IN CONNECTION WITH SAUDI PAYMENT OF \$140 MILLION TO
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CORRECT ERROR. SUBSEQUENTLY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING KING'S DEPARTURE FOR U.S., HE RECEIVED CABLE SAYING THAT SAUDI PAYMENT HAD BEEN IN ERROR AND THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS COUNTING ON JORDAN TO PAY U.S. \$140 MILLION. BADRAN SAID THAT HE HAD CABLED FAHD BACK INDICATING THAT JORDAN DID NOT HAVE \$140 MILLION AND COULD NOT PAY U.S. BADRAN INDICATED

THAT FURTHER EXCHANGE OF CABLES HAD TAKEN PLACE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS SAUDI REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT AND JORDAN ANSWERS THAT IT COULD NOT PAY. HE SAID THAT CLEARLY ISSUE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT A VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY KING.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO DELIVER LETTER (REF A)
AS SOON AS SHARAF RETURNS TO JORDAN WHICH WE EXPECT
WILL BE BEFORE KING ARRIVES BACK HERE ON MAY 14.
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